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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information 25X1

1. On 3 December 1952, the Luetzendorf Kaserne on Ettersburger Strasse, Weimar, was occupied to capacity by about 3,000 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 28 November, truck occupied by 6 officers with baggage went to the station. The officers left for the U.S.S.R. numerous officers had recently left this installation and that recruits were trained there who upon completion of the training, left the installation. up to 200 soldiers arriving at, or departing from, the railroad station. On 1 and 2 December, about 100 to 150 soldiers drilled in the barracks yard. Intensive driving school practice had been observed for some time.

2. On 3 December, the Tannenberg Kaserne on Ettersburger Strasse, north of Am Herrenroedchen, was occupied to capacity by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia. From 30 November to 3 December, about 80 to 120 soldiers were drilling in the barracks yard.

3. On 3 December, the Flak Kaserne on the east side of Ettersburger Strasse was occupied to capacity by an AAA unit and a signal unit totalling 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black and blue-bordered black epaulets, the latter with signal insignia. On 31 November, seven trucks each towing an AA gun entered the installation for firing practice, coming from Nohra. A target range was in the installation's area.

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4. On 3 December, the Nachrichten Kaserne on the west side of Dugger Strasse was occupied by about 200 to 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets.⁴
5. On 3 December, the Panzer Kaserne between Jenaer Strasse and Kegelbruecke was occupied by a detail of about 40 to 50 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets.
6. On 3 December, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Nohra was occupied by about 3,000 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. [redacted] they belonged to an army headquarters. On 7 November, about 58 covered guns were seen in the Fliegerhorst installation. 25X1
7. On 21 December, the Flak Kaserne was occupied by about 900 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. All barracks buildings were fully lighted after nightfall. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 5 December, about 50 to 60 soldiers with four 85-mm AA guns and about 100 troops at physical training were seen in the barracks area. On 16 December, about 120 soldiers with skis left the installation toward the Ettersberg forest. At the same time, about 80 to 100 soldiers received basic infantry training in the barracks yard. [redacted] 25X1
8. On 21 December, the east section of the Tannenberg Kaserne was occupied by about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and the west section was occupied by about 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The barracks buildings were fully lighted at dusk. On 5 December, about 160 soldiers practiced with 82-mm mortars in the west section of the barracks yard. On 20 December, about 200 soldiers received infantry training and several groups practiced with mortars in the barracks yard. [redacted] 25X1
9. On 21 December, the east section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne was occupied by about 450 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, and by about 50 uniformed women wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. The central section of the installation was occupied by about 500 soldiers, 80 percent of which wore black-bordered black epaulets and 20 percent, red-bordered black epaulets. The west section was occupied by a hospital with 50 medical corps personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The hospital was occupied about 90 percent. The barracks buildings were fully lighted after nightfall. On 16 December, about 80 troops and 50 women engaged in physical training in the barracks yard; and about 40 soldiers drilled and 80 had fallen in and subsequently left for record firing at the Ettersberg hill, on 20 December. [redacted] 25X1
10. On 21 December, the Nachrichten Kaserne was occupied by about 750 troops, including about 520 wearing black-bordered black epaulets and about 230 wearing blue-bordered black epaulets. The barracks buildings were fully lighted after sunset. On 17 December, about 120 troops received basic infantry training in the barracks yard. At about 10 a.m.

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on 21 December, about 500 to 700 soldiers were lined up in a quadrangle in the barracks yard, with an officer addressing them.

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11. On 21 December, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne at Nohra airfield was occupied by a headquarters of about 1,400 troops, including about 840, wearing red-bordered black epaulets; about 280, wearing black-bordered black epaulets; and about 280, wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. The windows of the barracks buildings were fully lighted at night.

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12. On 18 December, the Luetzendorf Kaserne was occupied by about 2,000 to 2,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia and a few with tank and motor transport insignia, and black-bordered crimson epaulets. Most of the soldiers were recruits. From 9 to 18 December, 20 tanks were seen in the installation. On 25 November, 25 soldiers carrying books and notebooks left the installation and 35 soldiers entered the installation coming from Ettersburger Strasse.

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13. On 18 December, the Tannenberg Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 to 1,300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia and a few with motor transport insignia. On 9 December, three 82-mm mortars were seen in the installation while 13 soldiers drilled in front of the installation.

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14. On 18 December, the Flak Kaserne was occupied by about 600 to 900 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia and a few with tank insignia, and black-bordered crimson epaulets. Most of the soldiers were recruits. On 29 November, T-34/85 tank and 15 soldiers who received instruction were seen at the firing range and 20 soldiers on truck en route to the firing range north of the installation.

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15. On 18 December, the Nachrichten Kaserne was lightly occupied by soldiers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. Signal training was observed in the installation.

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16. On 18 December, the Panzer Kaserne was very lightly occupied. Sentries observed wore blue-bordered black epaulets.

17. On 19 November, about 1,000 to 1,400 troops, including 30 wearing red-bordered black epaulets were entrained at the Weimar railroad station. A military band played while the troops were being entrained.

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18. On 5 December, the Panzer Kaserne was occupied by about 40 to 60 soldiers wearing black-bordered black and blue-bordered black epaulets. On 1 December, about 30 to 35 troops were lined up for a roll call. [redacted]

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19. On 5 December, the Nachrichten Kaserne was occupied by about 600 to 700 troops wearing black-bordered black, blue-bordered black and red-bordered black epaulets, the latter including some with tank insignia. [redacted]

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20. On 19 November, at least 1,000 troops boarded 52 railroadcars at the Weimar railroad station. The train left eastward. On 29 November, T-34 tank [redacted] was seen in the training area on Ettersburger Strasse.⁷

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1. Comment. According to information obtained previously, the Luetzendorf Kaserne is believed occupied as follows:

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East Section. Elements of the 13th AAA Div, which are vaguely confirmed by most of the motor vehicle numbers mentioned in paragraph 1 of the present report.

Central Section. A signal and/or engineer unit of the army. [redacted]

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West Section. A hospital.

[redacted] the installation also quarters elements of the 65th Gds Mecz Regt of the 20th Gds Mecz Div, which are confirmed by the 20 tanks [redacted]. The black-bordered crimson epaulets seen [redacted] do not check with the units carried in the installation.

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3. Comment. The elements of the 13th AAA Div stationed in the Flak Kaserne are confirmed by information contained in this report.

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5. Comment. Information contained in the present report indicates no change in the occupation of the Fliegerhorst installation in Nohra.

6. Comment. No information is available on the occupation of the Panzer Kaserne. Motor vehicle [redacted] presumably belong to a signal unit of the army.

7. Comment. The shipment of discharges [redacted] is believed to be shuttle train [redacted] which [redacted] had been assembled in Weimar on 18 November.

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